

REMARKS

Applicant has canceled claims 1-22 and respectfully requests that the Examiner's restriction requirement be withdrawn as moot.

Claims 23 -50 are newly added. The disclosed device comprises a plunger top mechanism latchable to a plunger bottom mechanism to form a united plunger mechanism, as set forth in Applicant's claims 23 and 30. The latchment may further comprise magnetic or mechanical coupling.

In response to the Examiner's comments regarding plunger sidewall geometries, Applicant asserts that any number or variety of sidewall geometries which are found in present industrial offerings may be employed with the disclosed device. As such, Applicant respectfully advances the argument that the species previously set forth by the Examiner in Group 2 are not necessarily independent or distinct as applied to Applicant's claims. Figure 6 simply depicts various prior art side-wall geometries that may be combined with the disclosed apparatus. Applicant's clarification herein is meant to guide the Examiner's search of relevant art.

In view of the above, Applicant believes the new claims to be in good form and allowable without restriction. In no case should this response be considered not fully responsive as Applicant's cancellation of original claims 1-22 and the addition of new claims 23-50 are a *bona fide* attempt to advance this application to final action. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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